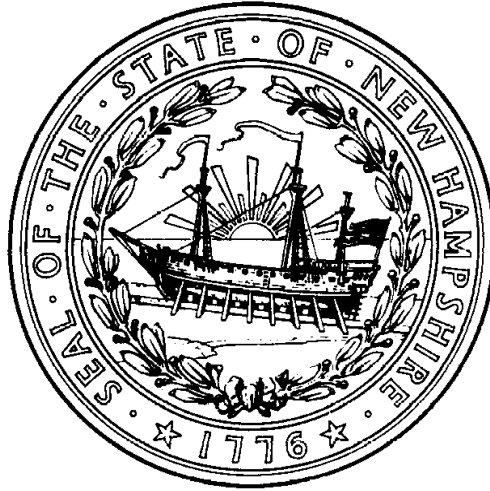


**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



**RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD J. BYRNE
MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

FISCAL YEAR 2009

**STATE APPLICATION
PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

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18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

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Program Narrative

The State Administrative Agency for the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (“JAG”) in the State of New Hampshire is the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice is led by the Attorney General, who serves as the designee of the Governor to be the recipient of several of the Federal grant programs administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

This FY 2009 JAG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program strategy is designed to provide the framework for which programs funded under the federal fiscal year 2009 Byrne JAG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program will follow. This strategy does not mark a material deviation from the ongoing strategy of the New Hampshire Department of Justice in regards to Byrne JAG funding. Our ongoing strategy outlines a number of priorities, the first of which remains our drug demand reduction efforts, which are focused around the NH Attorney General’s Drug Task Force.

While that overall long-term strategy has not changed, the availability of this additional funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has allowed us to pursue additional projects that would normally be beyond the reach of this agency with the funding normally available to us. With this ARRA funding, the NH Department of Justice has been able to broaden the number of program categories for which funding could potentially be made available to state, county, municipal and non-profit organizations. That funding will generally be made available through competitive solicitation processes for projects that reflect the goals and priorities of

ARRA, specifically the creation and preservation of jobs and the stabilization of the economy and state and local budgets.

As stated, the long-term multiyear strategy of the State of New Hampshire, in regards to Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funding, remains unchanged from previous years. The overall priority of these funds in the State of New Hampshire remains focused on our statewide drug demand reduction efforts, specifically centered around the efforts of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force is an organization charged with the enforcement of New Hampshire's drug laws statewide. It operates through out the state and is designed to provide street level support to local police department.

That focus will remain the overarching priority for this office for the immediate future, with these American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds, representing an expansion of our project base reflected by the availability of this additional funding. This application document incorporates the additional funding areas that are being explored with these ARRA funds. At the present time, the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, the Director of the NH Office of Economic Stimulus and the Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire are finalizing plans for the ultimate allocation of these ARRA funds. It is expected that the final funding decisions will include projects in a number, if not all, of these funding categories.

New Hampshire, will award our local pass through funding percentage through a transparent and open solicitation process seeking proposals for funding from county, local and non-profit organizations. State level project will be chosen

based on their overall benefit to the state. Any portions of state projects that involve contractual or other related services will be completed through open bid process. Non-state project proposals will be reviewed and scored and a final recommendation will be forwarded to the Attorney General for final approval. It is our intent to award ARRA funds in an open and transparent process and to comply with all relevant ARRA requirements.

Statewide Priorities and Selected Purpose Areas

The long-term multiyear strategy of the State of New Hampshire, in regards to Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funding, remains unchanged from previous years, however the priority for these funds will be focused on the stated goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, specifically (1) to create and preserve jobs and promote economic recovery, (2) to assist those most impacted by the recession, and (3) to stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential service and counterproductive state and local tax increases. The final goal of ARRA, that of investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits is not generally the focus of these funds, however it will be incorporated where feasible.

With the drug demand reduction focus remaining as our overarching priority for this office for the immediate future, we have designated our standard fiscal year 2009 appropriation to that effort and have designated these funds as supporting the primary ARRA goals. At the present time, the Governor of the State of New

Hampshire, the Director of the NH Office of Economic Stimulus and the Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire are finalizing plans for the ultimate allocation of these ARRA funds. It is expected that the final funding decisions will include projects in a number, if not all, of these funding categories.

New Hampshire, prior to funding specific sub-grant programs will complete a transparent and open solicitation process seeking proposals for funding. Those proposals will be reviewed and scored, and upon the final decision of the Attorney General, will be funded as allowable. It is our intent to award ARRA funds in an open and transparent process and to comply with all relevant ARRA requirements.

I. Law Enforcement Programs

Goal: Enhance the delivery of Law Enforcement Services in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a number of diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of Law Enforcement.

Cyber Crime

Cyber crime presents an ongoing challenge to public safety. In a public sense, both law enforcement and prosecution are ill prepared to meet these emergency needs. Identity theft alone is the fastest growing crime in the country picking up one and a half million victims last year. The Department of Justice has developed a strategic plan to address these issues. Our initial partners in this endeavor are the New Hampshire State Police and the Justiceworks consortium at the University of New Hampshire. These agencies have collaborated with local law enforcement in the development of the strategic plan.

It is envisioned that limited funding may be needed to: facilitate the sharing of information between and among agencies; produce appropriate training programs for police and prosecution; acquire appropriate hardware and software; develop pilot projects that are based on local capabilities; assist with enhancing forensic analysis capabilities and identification of tools and templates for cyber forensics.

Cold Case Squad

In addition to ongoing cyber crime related activities, a proposal is being researched involving the creation of a ‘cold case’ squad within the state. The creation of this unit would likely result in the creation of additional jobs and the preservation of existing jobs. This unit would likely include an attorney, an analyst, several State Police troopers and a, possibly contracted, local law enforcement officer to complete the team. As the economy suffers, crime increases and the ability of the state to more thoroughly address ‘cold cases’ will increase the overall confidence of the public in the criminal justice system and help hold offenders more accountable. While ‘cold case’ investigations can often be seen as a luxury, the fact is that these cases involve the loss of life, making them some of the most important cases that any jurisdiction can investigate. We anticipate funding this project from the state allocation.

NH State Police Forensic Services

Funding in this category is anticipated being used to support the enhancement of forensic fingerprint examination services at the NH State Police Forensic Crime Lab. The purpose of the Lab is to provide forensic services to all state, county and local law enforcement agencies in New Hampshire. Additionally, the lab provides services to non-law enforcement and to Federal agencies as needed. This funding is

being allocated from the less than \$10,000 local allocation provided to the state to be distributed to state level police agencies tasked with providing services to local communities.

Training Specialist

Another potential project under the state allocation involves the creation of a new position within the Office of the Attorney General. This new position would be responsible for the development of specialty media and training content for office programs. The office recently purchased sophisticated publishing equipment through a non-profit grant source. The intent of this project is to hire a training specialist to use that equipment in support of statewide projects. Potential project areas being discussed include internet safety documents for distribution to law enforcement and/or the general public, consumer protection related materials, cybercrime presentations and others.

To further illustrate the activities of this position, recently the state contracted with a firm to develop content for an Internet safety guide for teens and parents. That guide needs to be updated to reflect the changing nature of the Internet, however absent a new contract with that vendor, the state is unable to update the current guide. Having an internal resource for activities such as that one would be more efficient, less costly and would provide the state with the ability to update information as necessary.

There is a constant need in regards to the development of training and outreach materials and having a training specialist develop that content internally would

significantly reduce the cost of developing that content versus having it contracted out on a project-by-project basis.

Other Law Enforcement Related Programs

In addition to our statewide cyber crime efforts, other law enforcement programs, such as overtime for law enforcement personnel in the performance of duties or training relating to anti-gang efforts, elder abuse investigation or other similar types of activities is anticipated. Still other activities are possible in the area of victim advocacy through law enforcement agencies.

II. Prosecution and Court related programs

Goal: Enhancing the delivery of Prosecution and Court Services in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a number of diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of Prosecution agencies and the Courts.

County District Court Prosecutors

Through this funding category, we will be looking to enhance district court prosecution resources in the northern and lesser-served populations of the state. This project will involve the hiring of additional prosecutors at County Attorney's offices in those lesser-served regions tasked with the prosecution of cases at the District Court level. Normally, the County Attorney prosecutes felony cases at the Superior Court level. This project will provide a small number of County Attorney's Offices with the resources to hire an additional prosecutor whose primary function will be to service the district court level.

The intent of this project is two-fold. The first is to increase prosecutions at the district court level and the second is to increase regional training. These new district court prosecutors will be responsible for working with local prosecutors and officers on district court level cases. Where the county district court prosecutor is involved in a prosecution, the purpose will be to both prosecute the case and to provide local law enforcement with a better understanding of the overall prosecution process.

During each prosecution, the new county district court prosecutor will be expected to work with local law enforcement in the preparation of the case, to include those locations that have police officer based prosecution, then to follow up with those officers after the trial to review the entire case and to use each as a basis for teaching enhanced investigation and prosecution techniques. The county district court prosecutor will also be required to attend training sponsored by the Attorney General's office so that the skills being imparted to these regions are the best they can be.

The overall goal of this project is to be able to leave law enforcement personnel in each region with a better understanding of investigation and prosecution techniques by the end of the expected three-year grant funded period.

Consumer Protection Criminal Prosecutor

An additional project being investigated for state funding is the hiring of a new criminal prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney General whose focus will be criminal prosecutions of consumer protection related cases. This new attorney would

be focused on those consumer protection cases of a criminal nature and by doing so, would be providing a statewide service for the citizens of New Hampshire in an area that truly has significant need. As the economy suffers, crime increases. Many of those crimes involve scams perpetrated on our more vulnerable populations. The Consumer Protection Bureau of the Attorney General's office exists to help protect those victims. The hiring of an additional prosecutor in that unit, charged with pursuing consumer protection criminal cases will greatly enhance the level of service we are able to provide to that vulnerable victim population.

Specialty Court Support

New Hampshire is also looking at dedicating local pass through funding towards supporting specialty courts in our lesser-served regions through the enhancement of current programs. Our request for proposals will include a category for the support of enhancements to existing drug or mental health court programs in lesser-served regions with a focus on the creation or preservation of jobs.

III. Prevention and Education Programs

Goal: Enhance the delivery of Prevention and Education Services in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a number of diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of statewide prevention and education services.

Through this additional funding area, we will be looking to potentially fund a number of different types of prevention and education programs throughout the state.

The intent of this action is to prepare for the possibility of funding programs aimed at delivering services that might include after school programs, youth-at-risk programs and related activities. These types of programs have formerly been funded by this agency under previous awards, however with the reduction in overall funding, these types of programs were given a lesser priority over our Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force activities. Absent an ability to issue full statewide requests for proposal for the full implementation of these programs across the state, this funding category was dropped from most previous applications. At this time, we would like to return it to our allowable purpose area list so that we might be prepared for the eventuality of needing to fund some of these programs on a limited case-by-case basis.

At the present time the possibility of funding these programs is being reviewed with a focus towards assisting existing programs recover from recent funding losses by helping them both preserve and create jobs.

IV. Corrections and community corrections programs

Goal: Enhance the delivery of Corrections and community corrections programs in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Potentially fund a small number of diverse programs through out the state aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of statewide correctional services.

Recidivism Reduction Programs

The first focus of funding under this category will be in support of recent efforts by the NH Department of Corrections involving the creation of a new Division

of Community Corrections. This new division will alter the way in which the Department of Corrections manages its' offender re-entry process. To support the development and implementation of this new system, New Hampshire is pursuing funding under the Second Chance Act and the Byrne Memorial Competitive grant program.

Second Chance funding will be used to help establish a pilot location in Merrimack County, the site of the primary men's prison, for offender re-entry. The County based re-entry project in Hillsborough County is still functioning extremely well and will be the basis for many of the procedures that will be incorporated into this Corrections based re-entry program in Merrimack County. The goal is to pilot this new re-entry program in the format that will be used by the new Division of Community Corrections statewide.

As this project is larger than the Second Chance act, we will be looking to leverage other funds, to include both JAG and, potentially, Byrne Memorial Competitive funding to support the project. JAG funding will take the form of local pass through funding to a non-profit in the Merrimack County catchment area, which then will provide enhanced services to state prison offenders re-entering the community. Additionally, Byrne Memorial Competitive funding will be applied for to help expand the number probation and parole officers available to support the new Division of Community Corrections.

Alternative Sentencing Projects

An additional potential funding category may involve the allocation of a portion of local pass through funding to support alternative sentencing programs in

our lesser-served regions. In the program solicitation to be issued, we will include a section for these programs in our lesser-served regions with a focus on the creation or preservation of jobs.

V. Drug treatment and enforcement programs

Goal: Enhance the delivery of drug treatment and enforcement programs in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a multi-jurisdictional drug task force and a small number of other diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of statewide drug treatment and enforcement services.

Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force

Since 1986, New Hampshire has operated a Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force that continues to be the State's largest drug investigation unit. Currently, there are four regional teams, coordinated and supported by a central administrative operation. Each team consists of a team leader and a number of undercover operatives, who are select members of local law enforcement agencies. The team leader reports to the Drug Task Force Commander, who is assisted by his administrative staff. The central coordination of activities is a necessity of a successful task force and is done so through the New Hampshire Department of Justice. The function of the Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force continues to be local drug enforcement on a level not reasonably possible by local law enforcement alone.

Prescription Drug Abuse

The Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire has recently convened a new “Government Leaders Task Force of Prescription Drug Abuse” to deal with the growing issue of prescription drug abuse. Of special note is that the State Medical Examiner recently reported that for the first time, prescription drug deaths exceeded motor vehicle deaths in New Hampshire. This sobering statistic, and others like it, was part of what ultimately prompted the Attorney General to renew our focus on this issue. In recent years, New Hampshire has pursued the creation of a prescription drug-monitoring program that ultimately has been stymied by our inability to gain passage of the necessary legislation.

Through this effort, we are looking to increase our activities surrounding prescription drug abuse, to include the potential for planning and outreach material expenses. Our goal is to increase the general level of education on this subject so that we can take the steps necessary to reduce prescription drug abuse in New Hampshire. Those steps are likely to include increased outreach and education to the public and elected officials on the need for programs, such as the prescription drug monitoring program, in New Hampshire and the dangers of not having them in place.

NH State Police Pharmacist

A proposal is being evaluated at the state level that may include assistance to the New Hampshire State Police narcotics unit in the area of prescription drug abuse, an area as described above, that the state is putting increased attention towards. The NH State Police had formerly employed a pharmacist in their drug unit to help investigate drug crimes. The possibility of re-creating that position as a contract or

part time position is being evaluated, with the goal being the enhancement of the State's narcotics capability and the creation of a new job equivalent contract position.

That position would greatly increase the state's ability to investigate and prosecute prescription drug crimes, as well as being an invaluable resource for the training and education of law enforcement officials, state leadership and elected officials as we work to reduce prescription drug abuse and deaths.

This position, like the State Police Forensic Crime Lab position, will be partially funded from the less than \$10,000 allocation provided to the state to be distributed to state level police agencies tasked with providing services to local communities.

Other programs

In addition to our drug task force, the State of New Hampshire anticipates the possibility of funding a small number of treatment related substance abuse programs statewide, possibly both in and out of correctional and residential settings.

VI. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

Goal: Enhance the delivery of planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a number of diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of statewide planning, evaluation and technology services.

The State has been developing its criminal justice information system, known as J-ONE (Justice Open Network Environment) system, for several years through the use of Byrne Formula Grant funds, NCHIP funds and other federal funding. The

system is operational for communication, the exchange of criminal history record information, and the monitoring of restraining orders and bench warrants. The Tri-State (New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont) AFIS system is in operation and continues to experience an increase in the volume of Livescan Transmissions. There have been many activities that have been completed with the J-ONE system project. The area currently being addressed through Byrne Formula Grant funding is the connection of the Department of Corrections to the J-ONE system. The Department of Corrections is in need of an updated overall prison case management system in order for that agency to be involved in the exchange of information with the complex J-ONE state system. Having the Department of Corrections connected to the J-ONE system is an essential next step to the development of the project. Integration efforts also continue at the Courts using Byrne Formula Grant funding.

VII. Crime victim and witness programs (other than Compensation)

Goal: Enhance the delivery of crime victim and witness services in New Hampshire.

Objectives: Fund a number of diverse programs aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of statewide crime victim and witness program services.

Through this additional funding area, we will be looking to fund a number of different types of crime victim and witness programs aimed at increasing the efficiency of target agencies and preserving or creating jobs as applicable.

DOJ Victim/Witness Unit

The NH Department of Justice Victim/Witness unit is responsible for providing advocacy services to families of homicide victims. As there are few things more devastating than the loss of a loved one through criminal action, the importance of these positions cannot be overstated.

Previously, funding for this unit had been through several avenues. The first was a general appropriation for that unit. Those funds remain available, will not be supplanted, and will continue to be used to support that unit. A second avenue of funding was federal funds, most of which have been made unavailable due to reductions in available grant funds in the past several years. The third and final avenue was through general funding not appropriated for this purpose, but rather, realized as a result of a specific NH Statute.

This statute, NH RSA 21-M:8-b, allowed for the use of any salary and benefits from existing vacant positions in the Department of Justice, to be used to fund the positions in the office of victim/witness assistance. This statute, one of the few of its' kind, allowed for funding not appropriated for the victim/witness unit to be gathered and used to support the operation of the victim/witness unit. A change in the state accounting system has resulted in those funds for vacated positions being no longer available to this agency, thus no longer available to the victim/witness unit. As a result of this change in the accounting system and the resultant loss in that local funding, the office is seeking the use of ARRA funds to preserve those jobs, in furtherance of ARRA goals and priorities.

NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Additional victim related services are anticipated in relation to the statewide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. This coalition represents the majority of the domestic and sexual violence non-profit crisis center service providers within the state. As a result of the loss of other funds, the coalition has requested funding from the Byrne JAG ARRA award to help preserve existing jobs. The positions to be preserved are primarily focused on providing support to the regional Child Advocacy Centers.

Child Advocacy Centers

A final program area under consideration in this category is the funding of new Child Advocacy Centers (CAC's) in New Hampshire. CAC's are nationally recognized model programs that are designed to provide comprehensive services to child victims so that they are not repeatedly traumatized by lengthy ongoing law enforcement and forensic interviews and investigations. New Hampshire has already established a network of existing CAC's. This funding will be used to bring additional sites into operation.

Organization Capabilities and Competencies

The Attorney General is the agency head of the New Hampshire Department of Justice, which is the State Administrative Agency for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

In addition to the Federal grant awards from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Attorney General has also been designated by the Governor to receive and administer the Federal grant funding from the programs managed by the Violence

Against Women Office, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program. Having a number of the grant programs from the United States Department of Justice administered through one state agency has led to tremendous coordination between and among many of the different funding streams. This allows us to leverage Federal grant resources in the most efficient manner feasible; so as to cover as much of the State as possible with the resources available and to meet as many needs as possible.

In addition to this internal collaboration and coordination of grant resources, the New Hampshire Department of Justice also utilizes the work of a variety of other state working groups and partnerships. Some of these groups include: United States Attorney's Antiterrorism Task Force, the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment, the State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice Initiatives, the Project Safe Neighborhood Task Force, the Government Leaders Task Force on Methamphetamine and the Drug Task Force Executive Board.

The New Hampshire Department of Justice is involved with the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) initiative and serves as the fiscal agent for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Crime and Anti Gang Programs for the United States Attorney. The relationship between gun crime, gang activity and illegal narcotics use both well documented and unequivocally linked. Our close partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office on each of these issues allows us to better coordinate our efforts across several fronts. Finally, the local resident agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration is an active participant with the New Hampshire Drug

Task Force. The Drug Enforcement Administration has also been vital to our ability to dismantle clandestine methamphetamine labs located in New Hampshire without subjecting our grant funded personnel to hazardous environments.

Participation in all of these programs around the State has allowed this agency to continue to collaborate with other criminal justice entities and to receive assistance in the development of priority areas and program responses for the Byrne Formula Grant Program as well as other Federal grant programs for the State of New Hampshire. Another important benefit in this State is its size and the professional relationships that form as a result of being a relatively small place to live and work. There are many commissions, advisory groups and project-specific partnerships that are created to respond to particular State needs and issues. Oftentimes, members on these working groups are professionals that work together on many different levels and projects. This crossover of talents and expertise provides for a good coordination of efforts and resources.

Finally, as part of the State's commitment to evaluation activities, the Department of Justice, as State Administrative Agency, continues to provide on-going evaluation, monitoring and technical support to the subrecipients of federal grant funds. Subgrantee agencies receive on site monitoring visits and additional support via telephone and e-mail throughout the year. In addition, subgrantees are required to provide annual progress reports. This monitoring process assists subgrantee programs in evaluating their own programs while at the same time provides the New Hampshire Department of Justice with the information necessary in the evaluation and monitoring of the progress of the state's strategy.

In regards to ARRA funds, the New Hampshire Department of Justice has, historically, made use of both the State of New Hampshire's overall financial accounting system and a grant specific accounting system at this office to track grant expenses. Each federal grant program and each separate grant program year is assigned a separate organization code in the state accounting system so that expenses and revenues that relate to a specific federal grant program year are accounted for separately. In addition to the standard federal fiscal year 2009 Byrne JAG grant account, there will be set up an entirely separate federal fiscal year 2009 ARRA Byrne JAG grant account, so that those expenses and revenues remain entirely separate.

The NH Department of Justice maintains a system of grant reporting that will be employed in meeting the reporting requirements of ARRA. The additional ARRA related performance measures of Preserving and Creating Jobs will be added to that reporting system and will be gathered and reported as required in a manner separate and apart from the regular Byrne JAG program.

Certifications

The NH Department of Justice will not use these ARRA funds to supplant existing state or local funds appropriated for program activities.

It is not anticipated that Byrne JAG ARRA funding will be used for construction related projects, applicable to ARRA sections 1602, 1605 and 1606.

It is the intent of this office to award any contracts using competitive procedures.

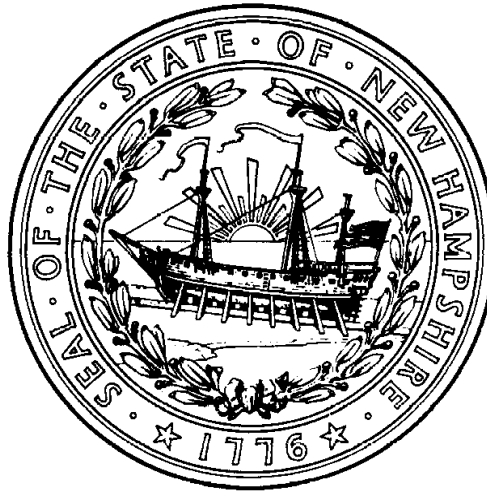
Funding under this Byrne JAG ARRA award will not be used to support any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

As stated previously, ARRA funds will not be commingled with other funds.

Allegations of Fraud, Waste, Error and Abuse will be promptly reported to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General.

A Certification under section 1607 (a) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, is attached as Attachment E.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



**EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

FISCAL YEAR 2009

**STATE APPLICATION
BUDGET NARRATIVE**

**JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR
KELLY A. AYOTTE, ATTORNEY GENERAL**

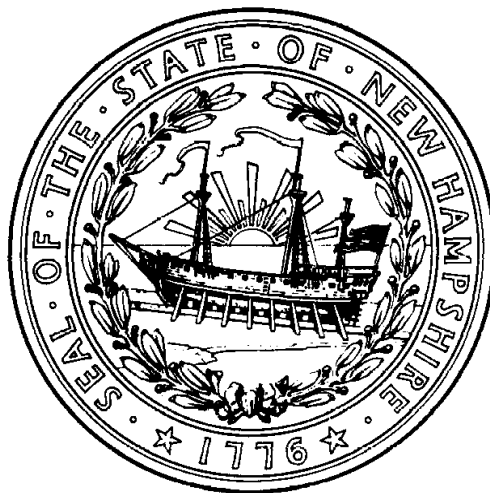
BUDGET NARRATIVE

The State of New Hampshire's state allocation from the JAG Program is \$6,253,756, with a less than \$10,000 pass through amount of \$389,010. As per the instructions found in the JAG program application kit, a portion of that total amount will be reserved for those jurisdictions to be considered for the 54.68% 'variable' pass-through, that percentage being based on previous pass-through amounts, with the less than \$10,000 allocations being awarded to the NH State Police for services that provide statewide benefit specifically to fund a fingerprint examiner at the NH State Police Forensic Crime Lab and to fund a State Police narcotics unit pharmacist.

The New Hampshire Department of Justice will retain up to 5% of the total award for administrative costs. The JAG administrative funds will be utilized to fund personnel salaries and benefits, travel and other related expenses associated with the administration of the JAG Program. The grant-funded administrative duties will include: completing all federal program reporting and filing requirements, conducting statewide JAG planning efforts, subgranting the JAG funds to state and local subrecipients, processing all subrecipient inquiries and financial reimbursements, and monitoring, both programmatically and financially, of all subrecipients annually.

Project costs will consist of both state and local expenses. A request for proposal for ARRA related funds will be posted on our "Recovery" website with interested parties invited to apply for specifically designated program areas within the Byrne JAG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



**EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

FISCAL YEAR 2008

**STATE APPLICATION
REVIEW NARRATIVE**

**JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR
KELLY A. AYOTTE, ATTORNEY GENERAL**

REVIEW NARRATIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of this federal grant program, the State of New Hampshire has met the review requirements in the following manner:

The State of New Hampshire's FY 2009 ARRA JAG application notification letter was hand-delivered to the governing body of the state – Governor John H. Lynch – on March 6, 2009, the same day as the State Byrne JAG solicitation was issued so as to meet the 30 day notice requirement of the grant. Included in this document is a copy of the transmittal letter that was sent to the Governor (Attachment A).

As the Governor has created a specific Office of Economic Stimulus in New Hampshire, with the Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire designated as its' director, we will be in constant communication with the Governor's Office regarding the awarding of these funds. The Governors Office will have final approval for all state based solicitations issued by state agencies prior to their posting.

In addition, a formal legal notice was published in the newspaper covering the state's capitol region, Concord, on March 25, 2009, inviting members of the public to review the state's application and to provide their comments. A copy of the legal notice is included in this document (Attachment B).

ATTACHMENT A

March 6, 2009

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch
State of New Hampshire
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: NH Recovery Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Your Excellency:

The Department of Justice annually makes application for funding under the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. This grant program can be utilized to fund state and local criminal justice programs. The Byrne JAG program is a formula grant and not a competitive grant. As recent federal awards have been significantly reduced, these funds are now used, primarily, to support the state's Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force. In previous years, we have funded the state's Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force in addition to being able to support other initiatives, such as youth-at-risk programs, mentoring, cybercrime and statewide criminal justice information systems.

We are anticipating receiving two allocations of Byrne JAG funding for federal fiscal year 2009. This first allocation of approximately \$6.2 million is being made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. An additional award is expected to be received through the regular federal appropriations process. As a requirement for applying for these funds, we must submit a letter to our governing body that describes the availability of these funds and their expected usage.

While I fully expect to continue to work closely with your office in determining the best usage for these recovery funds, the requirements of this program state that this letter be sent to you 30 days prior to our federal application, which is due on April 9, 2009. As this program solicitation has just today been issued, we are not left with much time to satisfy this requirement.

As such, I am forwarding this letter at this time with the understanding that in the ensuing weeks, we will continue to collaborate with your office on the best usage for these funds. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Ayotte
Attorney General

ATTACHMENT B

Legal Notice

State of New Hampshire Department of Justice

Federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of approximately \$6.2 million have been allocated to the State of New Hampshire from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for implementation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. A strategy has been formulated to utilize the grant funding to address select activities in a number of the following program areas: law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections programs, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs, crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation). To review the state's application, please contact Tim Brackett, Grant Manager, Department of Justice, 33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301, prior to April 9, 2009.

ATTACHMENT C

ABSTRACT

Applicant: New Hampshire Department of Justice

Project Title: NH Recovery Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Narrative: The State of New Hampshire is submitting this request for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to support the priorities established by the State of New Hampshire. Those priorities, as they relate to ARRA funding, include the enhancement of investigative resources in the area of cold case and narcotics, the enhancement of prosecution resources in the area of state consumer protection and county and local district court, victim services in the area of victim witness advocates and Child Advocacy Centers and recidivism reduction and specialty court programs in our northern and lesser-served areas.

The ultimate goal of all of these efforts is to increase the efficiency of New Hampshire's service providers and to reduce instances of crime and victimization. The manner in which that goal is ultimately pursued dictates the types of programs New Hampshire looks to fund through this program.

The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, the state administering agency for the Byrne JAG program, is also the SAA for a number of other justice related programs, to include the VOCA, VAWA, NCHIP, SAC, Safe Havens, RSAT, Coverdell, Project Safe Neighborhoods, PSN Gang Program and the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program. Through the administration of all of these programs and our close working relationship with other state agencies responsible for the administration of other federal funds, we are able to put forth a well coordinated and comprehensive system of grant funded services and programs.

ATTACHMENT D

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Certification as to Recovery Act Reporting Requirements

On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act" in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program identified above. I have also read and reviewed section 1512(c) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), concerning reporting requirements for grants. I agree that the applicant will comply with the reporting requirements set forth therein with respect to any grant the applicant may receive under the Recovery Act grant program identified above.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Program grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs, and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Justice Programs).

Rosemary Gaudin
Signature of Certifying Official

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Printed Name of Certifying Official

Director of Administration
Title of Certifying Official

NH Department of Justice
Full Name of Applicant Entity

4-6-09
Date

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds
for Infrastructure Investments

On behalf of the applicant state or unit of local government (including tribal government) named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled “Eligibility” in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program named above. I also have personally read and reviewed section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act”), which requires a specific certification prior to receipt of Recovery Act funds for infrastructure investments.

Initial the statement that applies:

 The applicant identified below **does not intend to use** any portion of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for any infrastructure investment. Should this intention change, the applicant will promptly notify OJP, and (except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law) will not draw down, obligate, or expend any funds received under this Recovery Act program for any infrastructure investment project until section 1511 of the Recovery Act has been satisfied, and an adequate project-specific certification has been executed, posted, and submitted to OJP.

 The applicant identified below **does intend to use** some or all of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for one or more infrastructure investment projects. Except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law, I agree that the applicant entity will execute, post, and submit to OJP, prior to obligating, expending, or drawing down funds for such project, a project-specific certification that satisfies all of the requirements of section 1511 (including execution by the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate) for each such infrastructure investment project.

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JOHN H. LYNCH
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March 2, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 1607(a) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Act), for all funds provided by the Act to the State of New Hampshire or any of its agencies, I certify that (1) the State of New Hampshire will request and use funds provided by the Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Lynch", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John H. Lynch
Governor

CC: Peter Orszag, Director
Office of Management and Budget